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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION OF US AMBASSADOR TO THE GAMBIA

1. CHARGE REQUESTED SEEK EARLIEST APPOINTMENT AT APPROPRIATE SENIOR LEVEL WITH GOVERNMENT OF THE GAMBIA TO DISCUSS DELAY IN ACCREDITING US AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL CONCURRENTLY TO THE GAMBIA.

2. CHARGE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE ARE SENSITIVE TO PROBLEMS WHICH THIS DELAY RAISES FOR THE GAMBIA, AND HAVE BEEN WORKING TO RESOLVE IMPASSE CAUSED BY SENATORIAL OBJECTION TO ACCREDITATION IN ABSENCE GAMBIAN ACCREDITATION OF AMBASSADOR TO THE US. WE UNDERSTAND FINANCIAL AND PROCEDURAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAVE PREVENTED THE GAMBIA FROM TAKING THIS STEP. WE PLACE HIGH VALUE ON OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GAMBIA, AND APPRECIATE GAMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR OUR
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INITIATIVES IN AFRICA AND FOR OUR HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS. WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO CONTINUING AND EXPANDING OUR RELATIONSHIP IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH THE US AND THE GAMBIA. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT EXPRESSION OF INTENT BY THE GAMBIA TO ACCREDIT RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES AT SOME TIME IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE (GAMBIAN PARLIAMENTARY EXTERNAL

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AFFAIRS SECRETARY TAAL IN DISCUSSION WITH AF/W INDICATED NO EARLIER THAN MIDDLE 1978 EVEN AFTER DECISION MADE TO ACCREDIT) WOULD ASSIST IN OVERCOMING SENATORIAL OBJECTION TO ACCREDITATION OF US AMBASSADOR. CAN GOVERNMENT OF THE GAMBIA GIVE THIS EXPRESSION OF INTENT WHICH WE WOULD WELCOME? PLEASE REPORT GAMBIAN GOVERNMENT REACTION BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

3. AS YOU KNOW, VARIOUS FORMULAS LESS COSTLY THAN OPENING AN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED, E.G. A) ACCREDITING A PERMREP RESIDENT NEW YORK, B) ACCREDITING AN AMBASSADOR OR HIGH COMMISSIONER STATIONED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, OR C) ACCREDITING A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL RESIDENT IN BANJUL.

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